



- **Do you smell gas?** Natural gas has an odorant added to it to give it a distinct smell. Many people say it smells like rotten eggs, others think it has an oily petroleum odor.
- **Can you hear gas leaking?** If a gas line is broken off or taken apart you may hear a hissing or blowing sound, usually accompanied by a strong odor of gas.
- **Can you see a gas leak?** You can't actually see the gas, however there are signs of a leak that you may be able to see such as dirt blowing or water bubbling in your yard or along the street.

If you suspect a gas leak walk away from the area immediately. Don't do anything that may cause a spark such as using a cell phone, turning a light switch on OR off, starting an engine, or lighting a match. Once you are safely away from the area call the gas company or dial 911.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Are you planning a project that will involve digging such as installing a fence or deck, a mail box support post, water drainage lines, buried electric lines or water lines to your garage, planting a tree or removing a tree stump, etc.... If so, you should call The Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) 48 hours (two working days) before you dig. This will notify all utility companies of your plans so that they may locate their buried lines within your project area. This will help ensure your safety, prevent a potential hazardous situation, save you money in the long run, and in Ohio it is the law. So, before starting that project remember to:

**"CALL BEFORE YOU DIG"
Call OUPS at 1-800-362-2764
It's FREE, it's SMART, it's the LAW!!**

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